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"I want to introduce you to a personal hero of mine – the Director of National Intelligence in the most challenging times," said Senator John McCain of DNI James Clapper at the fourth annual Sedona Forum's Leadership Dinner, Arizona, April 8.

The Sedona Forum is The McCain Institute's by invitation only annual gathering of high-level national and international thought-leaders, decision-makers and activists.

On stage, Senator McCain and DNI Clapper engaged in a wide-ranging conversation about global challenges and the critical role of effective leadership. DNI Clapper promoted sharing and collaboration internationally, and among agencies within governments, to improve intelligence and security services globally.

This year's guest list also included Arizona State University President Michael Crow, NSA Director Adm. Michael Rogers, Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona Diane Humetwa, retired professional basketball player Dikembe Mutombo and wide receiver for the Arizona Cardinals Larry Fitzgerald.

Guests from all over the world joined the forum to share their perspectives on humanity and current issues confronting their communities over the three-day event. All participants, including Estonian President Toomas Hendrik Ilves and Minister Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan, who is the Coordinating Minister for political, legal and security affairs in Indonesia, focused on the critical role of leadership.

"By bringing together such a diverse and accomplished group, the McCain Institute reinforces the importance of character-driven leadership and makes an important contribution to the spread of democratic values," said ASU President Michael Crow.

This was DNI Clapper's first time participating in the forum, which he later characterized as an enlightening and important venue to bring together a variety of diverse opinions and perspectives.



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The McCain Institute seeks to promote humanitarian action, human rights and democracy, national security, and to embrace technology in producing better designs for educated decisions in national and international policy. This annual forum is just one way they work to meet that goal.

Previous years' featured speakers include Prime Minister Tony Blair, Vice President Joe Biden and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.